

RE: Reference Letter; VERA Industrial Rockworks Blasting and Geotechnical Inc.

January 11th, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

BC Parks Contracted VERA Rockworks late July 2022 for the safety scaling & facilitated access of two popular climbing areas within the Stawamus Chief Provincial Park which were affected during large rockfall events in the summer of 2021.

VERA was able to start the work promptly and by using hand tools and facilitated access they were able to efficiently mitigate the remaining hazard for climbers from these rockfall events which remained on the wall. VERA's Crew was highly qualified and had exceptional knowledge and understanding of the established climbing routes within their work areas. Using this knowledge and understanding they were able to minimize their impact on the established climbing routes which led to the success of this project.

VERA's focus on safety was excellent. Crews were required to participate in daily safety discussions, inspections and procedures which were all documented and available for us to access and review. The work VERA conducted was in a very busy area due to the Stawamus Chief being a popular destination for many different forms of recreation. Their crews were able to manage this challenge of public safety during their operations effectively by using ground crew, signage, and barricades.

We look forward to working with VERA Industrial Rockworks again in the future.

Kind Regards,

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I feel fortunate to live and work on the traditional lands of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), sálilwát (Tsleil-Waututh) and Lílwat Nations.